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## What is claimed is:

- A polymeric composition comprising:
  - (a) a first ethylene polymer;
  - (b) a second ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.95 grams/cubic centimeter and being modified with an unsaturated aliphatic diacid anhydride;
  - (c) a flame retardant; and
  - (d) an ultra high molecular weight polysiloxane.
- 2. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the first ethylene polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene homopolymers, ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymers, ethylene/unsaturated ester copolymers, and ethylene/vinyl silane copolymers.
- 3. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the first ethylene polymer is selected from the group consisting of
  - (i) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.92 grams/cubic-centimeter, a peak differential scanning calorimeter ("DSC") melting point above 90 degrees Celsius, and a polydispersity index ("Mw/Mn") greater than 3;
  - (ii) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.90 grams/cubiccentimeter and a polydispersity index less than 3; and
  - (iii) mixtures of (i) and (ii).
- 4. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the second ethylene polymer being modified via grafting or copolymerization.
- 5. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the second ethylene polymer before modification is selected from the group consisting of ethylene homopolymers and ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymers.
- 6. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the flame retardant being a metal hydrate.
- 7. The polymeric composition of Claim 6 wherein the metal hydrate is selected from the group consisting of aluminum trihydroxide and magnesium dihydroxide.
- 8. The polymeric composition of Claim 6 wherein the metal hydrate being present in amount from 50 to 75 weight percent.
- 9. The polymeric composition of Claim 1 wherein the polysiloxane being a polydimethylsiloxane.

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10. The polymeric composition of Claims 1 - 9 wherein the composition having a Limiting Oxygen Index ("LOI") of at least 37.

- 11. A polymeric composition comprising:
  - (a) a first ethylene polymer selected from the group consisting of
    - (i) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.92 grams/cubic-centimeter, a peak differential scanning calorimeter ("DSC") melting point above 90 degrees Celsius, and a polydispersity index ("Mw/Mn") greater than 3,
    - (ii) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.90 grams/cubic-centimeter and a polydispersity index less than 3, and
    - (iii) mixtures of (i) and (ii);
  - (b) a second ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.95 grams/cubic centimeter and being modified with an unsaturated aliphatic diacid anhydride;
  - (c) a metal hydrate is selected from the group consisting of aluminum trihydroxide and magnesium dihydroxide; and
  - (d) an ultra high molecular weight polydimethylsiloxane, wherein the composition having a Limiting Oxygen Index ("LOI") of at least 37.
  - 12. A cable comprising one or more electrical conductors or communication media, or a core of two or more electrical conductors or communication media, each electrical conductor, communication medium, or core being surrounded by a flame retardant composition comprising:
    - (a) a first ethylene polymer;
    - (b) a second ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.95 grams/cubic centimeter and being modified with an unsaturated aliphatic diacid anhydride;
    - (c) a flame retardant; and
    - (d) an ultra high molecular weight polysiloxane.
  - 13. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the first ethylene polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene homopolymers, ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymers, ethylene/unsaturated ester copolymers, and ethylene/vinyl silane copolymers.
  - 14. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the first ethylene polymer is selected from the group consisting of

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(i) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.92 grams/cubic-centimeter, a peak differential scanning calorimeter ("DSC") melting point above 90 degrees Celsius, and a polydispersity index ("Mw/Mn") greater than 3;

- (ii) an ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.90 grams/cubiccentimeter and a polydispersity index less than 3; and
- (iii) mixtures of (i) and (ii).
- 15. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the second ethylene polymer being modified via grafting or copolymerization.
- 16. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the second ethylene polymer before modification is selected from the group consisting of ethylene homopolymers and ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymers.
- 17. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the flame retardant being a metal hydrate.
- 18. The cable of Claim 17 wherein the metal hydrate is selected from the group consisting of aluminum trihydroxide and magnesium dihydroxide.
- 19. The cable of Claim 17 wherein the metal hydrate being present in amount from 50 to 75 weight percent.
- 20. The cable of Claim 12 wherein the polysiloxane being a polydimethylsiloxane.
- 21. The cable of Claims 12 20 wherein the flame retardant composition having a Limiting Oxygen Index ("LOI") of at least 37.
- 22. An article of manufacture made from or containing a flame retardant composition comprising:
  - (a) a first ethylene polymer;
  - (b) a second ethylene polymer having a density less than 0.95 grams/cubic centimeter and being modified with an unsaturated aliphatic diacid anhydride;
  - (c) a flame retardant; and
  - (d) an ultra high molecular weight polysiloxane.
- 23. The article of Claim 22 wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of extended or thermoformed sheets, injection-molded articles, coated fabrics, construction materials, and automotive materials.